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Sir:

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 04329.3128

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Katsuhiko HIEDA) Group Art Unit: 2812
Serial No.: 10/650,852) Examiner: Kennedy, Jennifer M.
Filed: August 29, 2003)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME	,
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 30, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II, claims 7-12, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, including claims 1-6, without traverse.

Applicant has also amended claims 1 and 4 and added new claims 13 and 14 by a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 29, 2004

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*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)